



## UDOT Improves I-15 CORE Project

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Hours and hours of delays stuck in Utah County traffic may now not actually happen - a big relief for drivers. This comes as UDOT announces a major change to it's construction plans along with two other design changes.

The first major change is crews will not shut down one lane of southbound traffic in the s-curves between Orem's University Parkway exit and the Provo Center street exit.

"We where going to take one lane down tonight but we are not going to have to do that," said John Njord UDOT's executive director.

Originally UDOT was telling drivers to expect one to two hour delays during peak traffic and five to six hour delays during holidays. Now that will drop significantly with all three lanes staying open.

Change number two is a new pedestrian walkway or tunnel under University Parkway in Orem. This would allow UVU students the ability to cross from one side to the other much safer and quicker.

"I think it would be neat to see," said one student who just crossed the busy intersection.

Change number three would be a new and improved interchange at the Provo Center Street exit.

All three designs will not affect the budget of \$1.7 Billion or the completion date which is set for December 2012. The I-15 CORE project is the largest construction project UDOT has ever done. It's 24 miles long from Lehi Main Street to Main Street in Spanish Fork. It includes 50 bridges and 11 interchanges.